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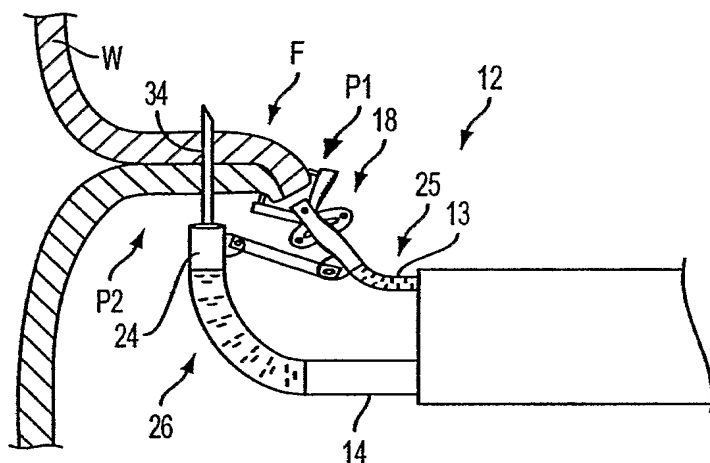
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(57) **Abstract:** Apparatus and methods are provided for forming a gastrointestinal tissue fold by engaging tissue at a first tissue contact point and moving the first tissue contact point from a position initially distal to, or in line with, a second tissue contact point to a position proximal of the second contact point, thereby forming the tissue fold, and extending an anchor assembly (36) through the tissue fold from a vicinity of the second tissue contact point. Adjustable anchor assemblies (36); as well as anchor delivery systems (34), shape-lockable guides (1000) and methods for endoluminally performing medical procedures, such as gastric reduction, treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease, resection of lesions, and treatment of bleeding sites; are also provided.

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